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IS THAT WHAT YOU SAY TO THE GUY WHO SAVED YOUR LIFE?
DO YOU EVER SHUT UP, DAMMIT?

HE'S NOT AN ENEMY YOU CAN BEAT SO EASILY!
DON'T DO IT, TORAMARU...

IT'S NO USE! HE'S BARELY EVEN BREATHING! HE'S RUSHING TO HIS OWN DEATH!!
TORA-MARU'S GONNA FIGHT, EVEN THOUGH HE'S BURNED BLACK!!

I'LL SHOW YOU THE POWER OF THE FIERCE TIGER STYLE KUNG-FU!!
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H-HE'S GONE ...!!

FIERCE TIGER STYLE...?
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT
WHAT!?
NOW THAT'S ABSURD.
DAMN STRAIGHT YOU HAVEN'T! I THOUGHT IT UP MYSELF!!
UGH!!

HAH !!
IT'S NO USE. THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH TO PROTECT YOU.
GEH !!

AND RASETSU EXCELS IN AERIAL COMBAT!! HE'S GONNA GO DOWN!!
I-IT'S HOPELESS! TORAMARU DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE IN THE CONDITION HE'S IN!!
GW-AAH!!
HEH... THEY SAY A LION USES ITS FULL POWER TO CATCH A RABBIT.
I SHALL GIVE YOU A TASTE OF THE POWER OF THE GONG CLAN FINGER OF DESTRUCTION!
W-WHAT? ARE YOU CALLING ME A RABBIT!?

REALLY!? DO YOU THINK THAT'LL WORK ON ME!?
FINGER JOINT DESTRU-CTION!!
GUH !!

UGGG-GHHH ...!!
W-WHAT THE...!?
W-WHAT THE HELL? TORAMARU'S ARM IS BENT OUT OF SHAPE !!
S-SON OF A BITCH !!
I'VE DESTROYED AND DIS-LOCATED YOUR ELBOW.
HEH... YOU CAN'T EVEN HOLD CHOPSTICKS WITH THAT RIGHT ARM NOW.

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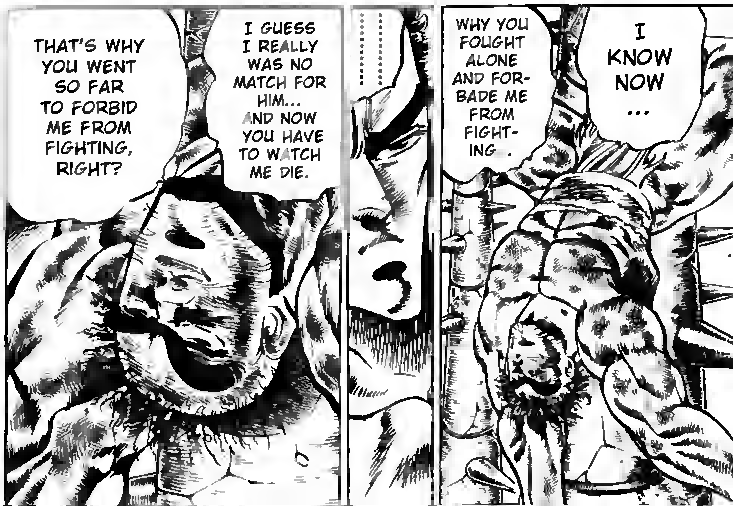
I'LL BE TAKING YOUR OTHER ARM!
YOUR ANGER HAS BEEN WASTED IN VAIN AFTER CROSSING THE LAKE OF FIRE!!
D-DAMMIT !!
WHOA !!

T-TO-RAMA-RU!!
OH, NO! HE'S GONNA FALL OFF!!
HEH... DON'T UNDERES-TIMATE ME... I, TORAMARU, WON'T DIE SO EASILY!
T-TO-RAMA-RU...!!

HEH.. I CAN AT LEAST COMMEND YOUR PARTNER'S TENACITY.
BUT HE'S INCAPABLE OF DODGING MY NEXT ATTACK.
THAT FOOL SHOULD'VE MINDED HIS OWN BUSINESS..
HE SHOULD'VE STAYED BACK AND WATCHED ...!!


I KNOW NOW ...
WHY YOU FOUGHT ALONE AND FORBADE ME FROM FIGHTING.
I GUESS I REALLY WAS NO MATCH FOR HIM... AND NOW YOU HAVE TO WATCH ME DIE.
THAT'S WHY YOU WENT SO FAR TO FORBID ME FROM FIGHTING, RIGHT?

THAT'S THE KIND OF MAN YOU ARE...
YOUR WORDS MAY BE CRUEL, BUT YOU'RE REALLY KIND AT HEART.
DON'T BE FOOLISH ...
DO I LOOK LIKE SUCH A SOFT MAN?
BUT I DIDN'T SWIM THROUGH THE SEA OF FIRE TO GET MYSELF KILLED.
I CAME HERE TO SAVE YOU!
T-TO-RAMARU ...!?
WHY IS HE STARTING TO CLIMB THE PILLAR?

I GET IT. YOU WEREN'T JUST RUNNING AROUND. YOU WERE ACTUALLY AIMING FOR THAT PILLAR.
INDEED, IF YOU REMOVE THE ROPE WRAPPED AROUND THE PILLAR, DATE WILL BE FREE.
BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO WITHOUT YOUR ARMS...? YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CUT THAT IRON WIRE.
NU-UUG-HH!!
SHUT THE FUCK UP AND WATCH CLOSELY FOR WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO.

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AAA-
AH!!
H-HE'S TRYING TO GET THE ROPE LOOSE BY HEADBUTTING THE PILLAR !!
S-STOP IT, TORAMARU!! YOU'LL BREAK YOUR HEAD BEFORE YOU BREAK THE PILLAR!!

OO OO UGHH !!
HEH. WHAT A FOOL.
A HEADBUTT WOULD NEVER BREAK THE...

L-LOOK! THE PILLAR'S STARTING TO CRACK !!
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ARR-RRGH! ONE MORE TIME!!
LOOK OUT, TORAMARU !!
TCH! I WON'T LET YOU BREAK IT!!
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D-DON'T
LOOK
DOWN...
DON'T LOOK
DOWN ON
TORAMARU
...!!

D-DATE! THE REST IS UP TO YOU!!

SAKIGAKE!! OTOKOJUKU

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